

# Code Administrator Meeting Summary

## Meeting Name – GC0131 Workgroup 1

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### Key areas of discussion

The Workgroup held their first meeting on the 17 December 2019, and they discussed;

- What would constitute a quick win? It was agreed this defined as an uncontentious change that doesn't need extensive development. This is also a requirement in making sure that the work can conclude simply and without becoming entangled in the changes that will likely result from the ongoing Energy Codes Review.
- Rob Wilson NGESO Proposer presented the requirements for change and the following areas from the slides were discussed;

#### 1) NGESO mandatory workgroup participation

This has been removed from the proposal following feedback. There will be some workgroups where NGESO does not add much value as having little subject matter expertise (e.g. GC0103), but as the licensee and with ultimate ownership of legal text it is accepted that usually NGESO should wish to be part of any workgroup to understand the proposals and to develop an opinion.

## **2) Initial assessment of proposals (GR.19.2(b), 19.6-9)**

The debate here was whether this additional stage added any value. It was noted that panel had asked the GC0117 workgroup to carry out an initial assessment as the impact of this modification and the possible timeline were not well-understood at the outset. It was also noted that this stage could include developing the Terms of References

## **3) Quoracy**

There are two parts to this, being quoracy of a workgroup and quoracy of a meeting. Both are frequent blockers to progress.

### **(i) Quoracy of a workgroup (GR.20.5-6)**

Amended proposal to capture the discussion that a minimum of two nominated parties should be required to form any workgroup in addition to the Code Administrator, Chair and NGESO representative, and that these should not be from affiliated companies.

### **(ii) Quoracy of a meeting (GR.20.7)**

Tried to simplify this text. Noted that it is most frequently an issue when a workgroup is only just quorate and this therefore hinges on availability of all members.

## **4) Assessment of alternatives (GR.20.15)**

An alternative proposal is currently assessed against the Grid Code objectives. If the workgroup agrees that it better facilitates these then it is accepted as a workgroup alternative and is subsequently developed. The proposal here was that such an assessment should instead be against the original.

Two examples were discussed – where an alternative with little chance of success was proposed but as it ensured legal compliance had to be progressed; and where the proposer of an alternative did not support either the original or their alternative (which they felt was nevertheless better than the original).

## **Other items discussed;**

- **CUSC**

If the changes identified really are quick wins (which would mean that they were uncontentionous) then they should be notified to the CUSC panel. The feedback when presented at TCMF was to continue to inform CUSC parties of progress through the Code Administrator.

- **Role of the workgroup and Code Admin consultations**

Discussion around the efficiency of this; it would perhaps be better if the CAC was not mandatory but that consulting on the final solution was. This would enable an initial consultation to be followed only where required (and where there were changes) with a 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation. The role of the CAC

was also discussed. These points were considered to be more of a change than could be achieved in a 'quick win'.

- **Implementation (GR.25.6)**

Applying the logic from the GC0086 Open Governance modification the changes should apply to all in-train work to the extent that this is possible (ie only going forwards in the process). Words to this effect are in GR.25.6 which could be amended to apply to GC0131 changes as no modifications that pre-date Open Governance are still ongoing – the last modification was GC0096 Storage.

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The next Workgroup will be on 20 January 2020.

For further information, please contact the Code Administrator.